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EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS FOR BIOTECH AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give assistance to farmers for increasing the area of biotech agriculture;

(b) if so, the area in percent covered in growing B.T. Cotton during current year; and

(c) the name of the States where B.T. Cotton is grown in maximum in quantity and the number of States where biotech croping has been started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) Cotton is the only transgenic crop approved in India so far. All the benefits and assistance available to farmers under Cotton Mission are also Available for Bt. Cotton.

(b) & (c): The reply is as under:

(Area in acres)

Name of the States	Area under Bt. Cotton during Current year (Kharif 2004)	Area under Bt. Cotton (Kharif, 2004) as percentage of total cotton area
Andhra Pradesh	1,76,000	7.1
Gujarat	3,11,157	6.2
Karnataka	84,764	7.5
Madhya Pradesh	2,12,798	15.2
Maharashtra	3,99,000	5.2
Tamil Nadu	29,640	6.5
Total	12,13,359	6.7

Apart from above six States, biotech cropping has also been started recently in Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan.